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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GREEN STATION RECOGNITION PROGRAM

What is the Green Station Recognition Program?

The Green Station Recognition Program, which is administered by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) in cooperation with the Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR), is designed to recognize automotive repair shops and Smog Check stations that engage in environmentally friendly practices as part of their normal business. These practices range from recycling used oil and coolants to using water-based parts cleaners instead of solvents.

When can I apply?

As long as you have a valid Automotive Repair Dealer registration, or valid Automotive Repair Dealer registration and Smog Check Test-and-Repair station license you can apply at any time.

Do Test-Only Smog Check stations qualify for the program?

DTSC eligibility requirements exclude Smog Check Test-Only stations from participating in this program because they do not repair vehicles, recycle oil, coolant, or hazardous coolants. Smog Check Test-Only stations for the most part only perform Smog Check inspections. In addition, the DTSC Model Shop Pollution Prevention check list has pollution prevention items that pertain to repair shops only.

How do I apply to be certified as a Green Station?

Visit www.smogcheck.ca.gov and download and complete the following documents:

- Green Station application
- Pollution Prevention Checklist
- Environmental Benefits form

In addition, you must provide a copy of your most recent hazardous materials inspection and air district inspection reports.

Where do I send a completed application package?

Send your application package to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Office of Pollution Prevention and Green Technology
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, CA 95812-0806

What is the application processing time?

The application processing time is four to six weeks from the time DTSC receives your application.

What are the fees associated with becoming a Green Station?

There are no fees to join this program.

What are the criteria to become a Green Station?

DTSC will review and evaluate the information provided on your Environmental Benefits and Pollution Prevention Checklist forms and determine if you are qualified.

Once I apply for Green Station, how do I know if I qualify?

If approved, you will receive your recognition certificate from DTSC.

What are the advantages of becoming a Green Station?

There are several advantages to joining the program, some of them include:

- Potential cost-savings for your shop since reducing waste generation can cut disposal cost.
- Reduction of exposure to hazardous chemical for your employees.
- A valuable marketing tool to use for your environmentally-conscious customers.
- Recognition of your participation via a DTSC-issued certification, acknowledgment in BAR's quarterly newsletter, and identification on BAR's Web site.

How long is the Green Station certificate valid?

The Green Station certificate is valid for three years. Each year, you will be required to perform a self audit. The self-audit involves completing the Pollution Prevention Checklist and the Environmental Benefits form each calendar year and submitting them to DTSC. At the end of the three-year certification, you must reapply with DTSC and you will be scheduled for a re-inspection.

If I sell my business or move, can I take my Green Station certification with me?

No, you must reapply.

What if I have questions about the application process or the Green Station requirements?

Please contact the DTSC Office of Pollution Prevention:

Email: greenstation@dtsc.ca.gov

Phone: (916) 322-3670

Who to Contact

If you have any questions about these requirements, please visit the Department of Toxic Substances Control at greenstation@dtsc.ca.gov or contact the Office of Pollution Prevention and Green Technology at 916.322.3670.